

Meaning swift and valued runner, the *Kukini* in ancient times took news from one Hawaiian leader to another.

**Hickam COLA rates set to rise July 1.**

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# Returned with honor

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey  
Kukini Editor

Forever entwined with the lore of the Hanoi Hilton, the Vietnam War, and Hickam's involvement in Operation Homecoming more than 30 years ago, a reserve two-star general and a mighty hauler reunited to make one last trip from Vietnam to the ramp here.

Following a similar flight scheme, Maj. Gen. Edward Mechenbier piloted the 'Hanoi Taxi,' a C-141 Starlifter that was the first plane used to repatriate Vietnam prisoners of war in the 1970s, but he wasn't coming alone.

He brought with him the remains of two fallen warriors from the Vietnam War for a repatriation ceremony held here Wednesday.

They were being honored with 19 recently recovered sets of remains from North Korea.

Hundreds of active duty and retirees, many veterans of foreign wars and former POWs, stood in formation as a multi-service Honor Guard team silently removed 21 flag-cloaked caskets from the Hanoi Taxi and set them upon their journey for identification.

For General Mechenbier, the value and importance of the repatriation ceremony can not be overstated.

"These are someone's fathers, husbands, brothers and sons," he

said. "We still care enough to spend the time, energy and resources to go back and help bring closure to the families.

"There's no magic pill to bring them back, but they are not forgotten," the general said.

Today, there are more than 1,800 Americans missing from the Vietnam War and more than 8,100 missing from the Korean War, according to the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command.

Following the ceremony, the remains were transported to the JPAC Central Identification Laboratory where the forensic identification process will begin.

After 40 years of service, including more than 3,500 flight hours and Command Pilot status, this was General Mechenbier's retirement flight, but it was far from his first trip in the Hanoi Taxi.

First Lieutenant Mechenbier was an F-4C Phantom II fighter pilot stationed in Da Nang, South Vietnam in the summer of 1967 when he was shot down carrying out his 80th mission of the campaign.

He remained a POW for close to six years before becoming a charter customer on the Hanoi Taxi's inaugural flight back to freedom, back to Hickam, on Feb. 12, 1973.

"It was the most beautiful thing I had seen in six years," he said in reference to the C-141s white and grey paint scheme.



Photo by Jerry Banks

**Top: A multi-service Honor Guard team prepares to transport the remains of repatriated American warriors off the Hanoi Taxi Wednesday.**

**Left: Retirees and active-duty members salute the remains prepared for transportation.**

Photo by Mysti Bicoy





# You can get hurt on base roads

By Lt. Col. Michael Rits  
15th Civil Engineer Squadron

**Editor's note:** Colonel Rits was involved in an on-base motorcycle mishap resulting in the injuries he vividly describes below. He is sharing his experience to encourage the wear of motorcycle personal protective equipment and to dispel the notion that you can't be injured while driving in the "safety" of the on-base traffic environment.

My left ankle and foot were smashed. My tibia was fractured in three places, requiring surgery and the insertion of three screws to hold the bone in place.

My left knee was cut open, requiring 18 stitches to close the laceration. There was severe trauma above my left knee down to my ankle, all due to it being wedged between the bumper and fender of the van and the side of my motorcycle. My left hip was badly bruised, probably from striking the hood of the van.

I've been riding motorcycles for more than 30 years, progressing from 100cc dirt bikes to larger motorcycles like the 600cc Kawasaki Dual Sport motorcycle I was riding that day.

I had the typical crashes and spills that come with the territory when riding

through trails, forests and fields, but none were very serious.

I've come to wear personal protective equipment the way most young off-road riders do. You hit enough branches with your hands, you learn to wear gloves.

You get smacked in the face with enough branches or

rocks, you wear a full face helmet. Take a spill and skin your legs and elbows, the long sleeves and pants come on. You buy them piece by piece, eventually collecting all the PPE you need.

The morning of my accident I wore combat boots, a full-face helmet, some Nomex/leather gloves and an extra-large orange reflective vest.

I was riding along my two-mile route to work, going 25 miles per hour most of the way on Vickers Avenue, approaching the Pacific Air Forces Headquarters building.

I saw the van approaching from the other direction, but didn't really think much about it, since I had the right-of-way. The van started to slow as it approached the intersection, just as I was entering from the other direction. The driver hadn't quite come to a stop when he started to turn - right into me.

From previous off-road experience, I knew to let my body go limp - hoping to minimize my injuries. The left front fender and bumper of the van impacted the left side of

my motorcycle, with my left leg smashed between the two metal

objects.

I bounced off and went flying through the air.

At Tripler Army Medical Center there were several x-rays and numerous questions from different staff and medical personnel I answered. Surgery followed a few days later.

I was released for 30 days of convalescent leave and

have since begun six months of physical therapy for strength training and to regain my full range of motion.

Fortunately, the doctor and therapist both believe I will make a full recovery.

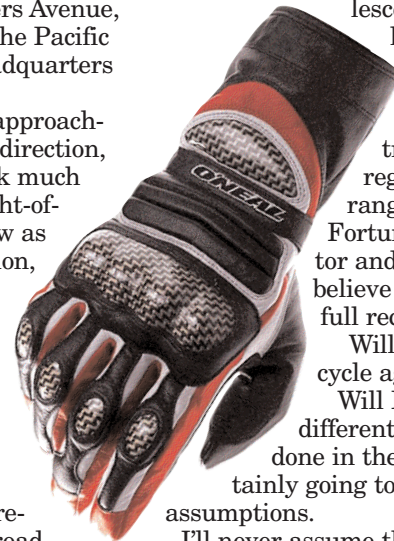
Will I ride a motorcycle again? Yes.

Will I do anything different from what I've done in the past? I'm certainly going to change a few assumptions.

I'll never assume that the other driver is going to do what they are supposed to do. ]

I'll never assume that you can't get hurt driving the slow speeds and familiar roads on base.

With all that I've been through, there is one thing I am certain of - things could have been far worse if I wasn't wearing the proper safety equipment. I recommend no one ever leaves home without wearing it.



## Action Lines



Col. Ray Torres  
15th Airlift Wing commander

The purpose of the Action Line is in its name - it's your direct link to me so we can work as a team to make Hickam a better community. It also allows you to recognize individuals who go "above and beyond" in their duties - and we all know there are plenty of those folks here. All members of Team Hickam are welcome to use the Action Line, however, I urge you to give the normal chain of command the first crack at

resolving problems or issues.

It's only fair to give our commanders and managers the first opportunity to work issues under their responsibility. If you have done this and are still not satisfied, give my commander's Action Line a call. If you want me to get back to you, leave your name and number, state your issue, tell me who you have talked to and why you were not satisfied with their response.

I'll work your issue and respond verbally or in writing. The Action Line number is 449-2996. Messages may also be sent by e-mail to [15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil](mailto:15aw.pal@hickam.af.mil).



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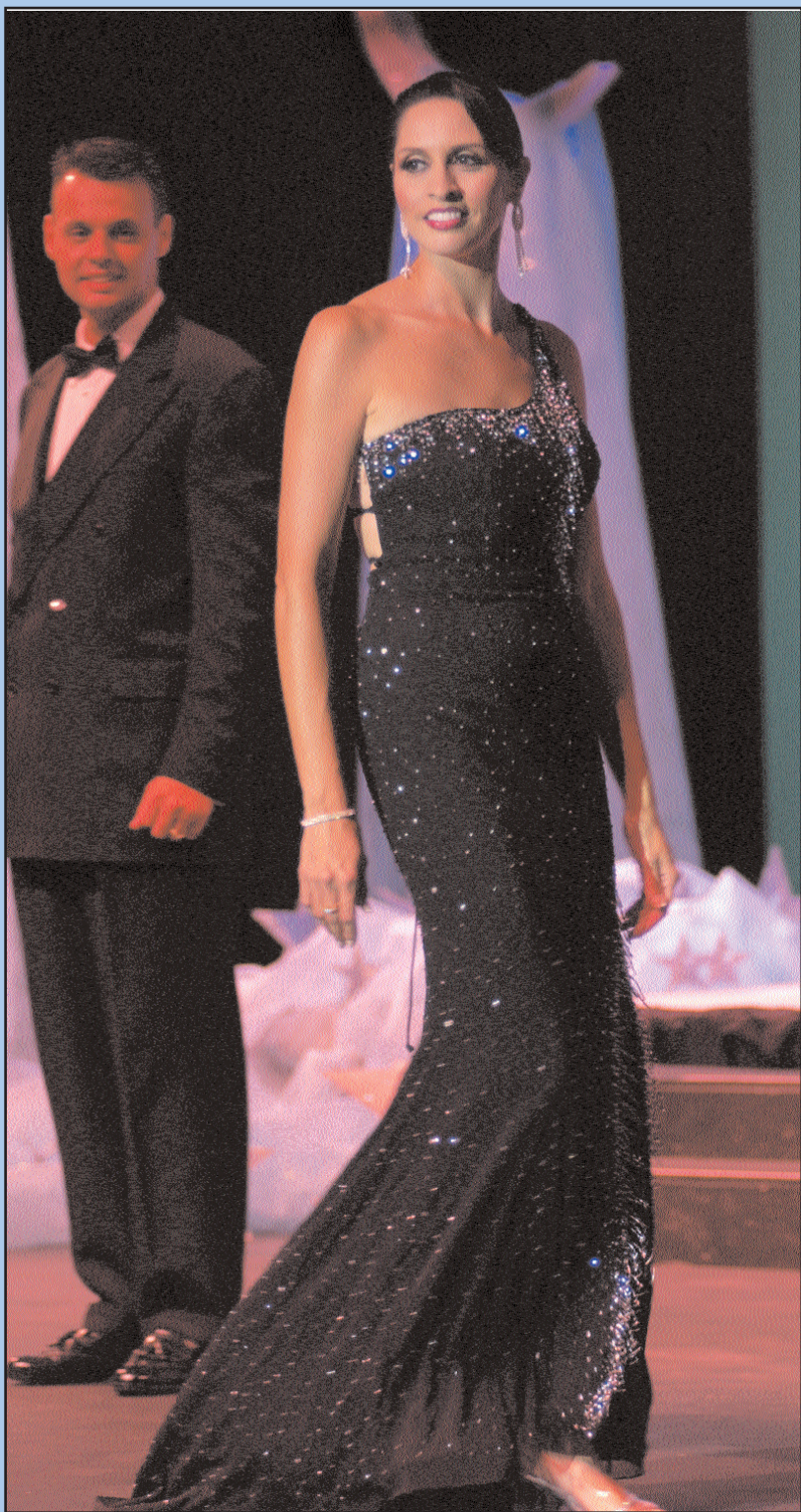


Photo by Jerry Banks

## There she is ...

Elaine LaJeunesse walks across the stage, escorted by her husband, Master Sgt. Ron LaJeunesse, for the evening gown portion of the Mrs. Hawaii Pageant Saturday. Mrs. LaJeunesse won the Mrs. Congeniality portion of the competition.

# Spring cleaning

## Base senior NCO makes sweeping changes

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey  
Kukini Editor

For most people, a change in their military career happens incrementally. A promotion to the next grade leads to a job upgrade - and perhaps a new location. Usually all of this happens over an extended period of time.

Unless you're Master Sgt. Craig Howell. His life and military career have taken very sudden and very swift changes of course in the just last few months.

In January, Sergeant Howell, 15th Airlift Wing Protocol superintendent, left for first sergeant school, a career-long dream of his.

"By the time I was a senior Airman, I'd had the opportunity to work with a lot of first sergeants; both bad and good," Sergeant Howell said. "I'd seen some bad ones who just wanted a desk job or were tired of turning wrenches on the flight-line."

"I'd also seen the good first sergeants who seemed to be 'shirts' for the right reasons; they were taking care of the troops," he said.

"These are the folks I admired and wanted to emulate."

As his career blossomed, so did his preparation for getting the diamond, he said.

"I believe being a first-line supervisor helped quite a bit because you're able to see firsthand some of the issues airmen face," he said. "My time as a professional military education instructor allowed me the opportunity to meet and talk with folks from nearly every career field and you become quite aware that things aren't the same in any two squadrons."

After an intense four-week course, the new 15th Services Squadron diamond wearer had precious little time for rest, starting the Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy two weeks later.

It was at the academy, just weeks after changing his Air Force special-

ty, that he found out he would soon need to change something else, his rank. In front of more than 400 of his classmates and peers, Sergeant Howell was notified that he had been selected for promotion to Senior Master Sergeant.

Sergeant Howell didn't have much time to savor the recognition, he said. There were lessons to be learned at the academy, and not all of them part of the curriculum.

"As with any level of PME, I believe we learn more from our fellow students than any lesson plan can provide," he said. "Seeing how different folks, in different career fields and at different bases manage and lead, shows that we are a dynamic Air Force."

"Though we're all taught the same basic principles, we're allowed to be humans - not robots - and make decisions; not just follow some checklist," he said. That leeway brought unexpected results among the diverse class roster.

"It's amazing to see the reaction of students from sister services when they witness our Air Force firsthand," Sergeant Howell shared. "While I'm sure they remain loyal to their service, you can still see they're a little envious of us."

At the conclusion of the academy, there was another reason for all of his classmates to be a little envious.

Proving that good news comes in threes, Sergeant Howell was selected as the John L. Levitow award winner, signifying the top graduate of his class.

An accomplishment that comes as no surprise to Tom Burton, Pacific Air Forces Protocol chief and Sergeant Howell's former supervisor.

"You don't get senior NCOs any better than Craig," Mr. Burton said. "Whether it's being a supply sergeant, a PME instructor, a protocol NCO or a first sergeant he will give it everything he's got."

"He'll be the perfect first sergeant for both commanders and Airmen," he said.

# Survey says: Base COLA rates are on the rise

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey  
Kukini Editor

Team Hickam active-duty members will be seeing a few more dollars in their bank account starting July 1, thanks to an increase in their Cost of Living Allowance.

The sudden bump in pay can be attributed to the results of a COLA Living Pattern Survey conducted in January 2003, and completed by several base members.

The increase, which takes place automatically, is a direct result of base member's high rate

of survey completion, according to 1st Lt. James Lee, 15th Comptroller Squadron's financial services officer.

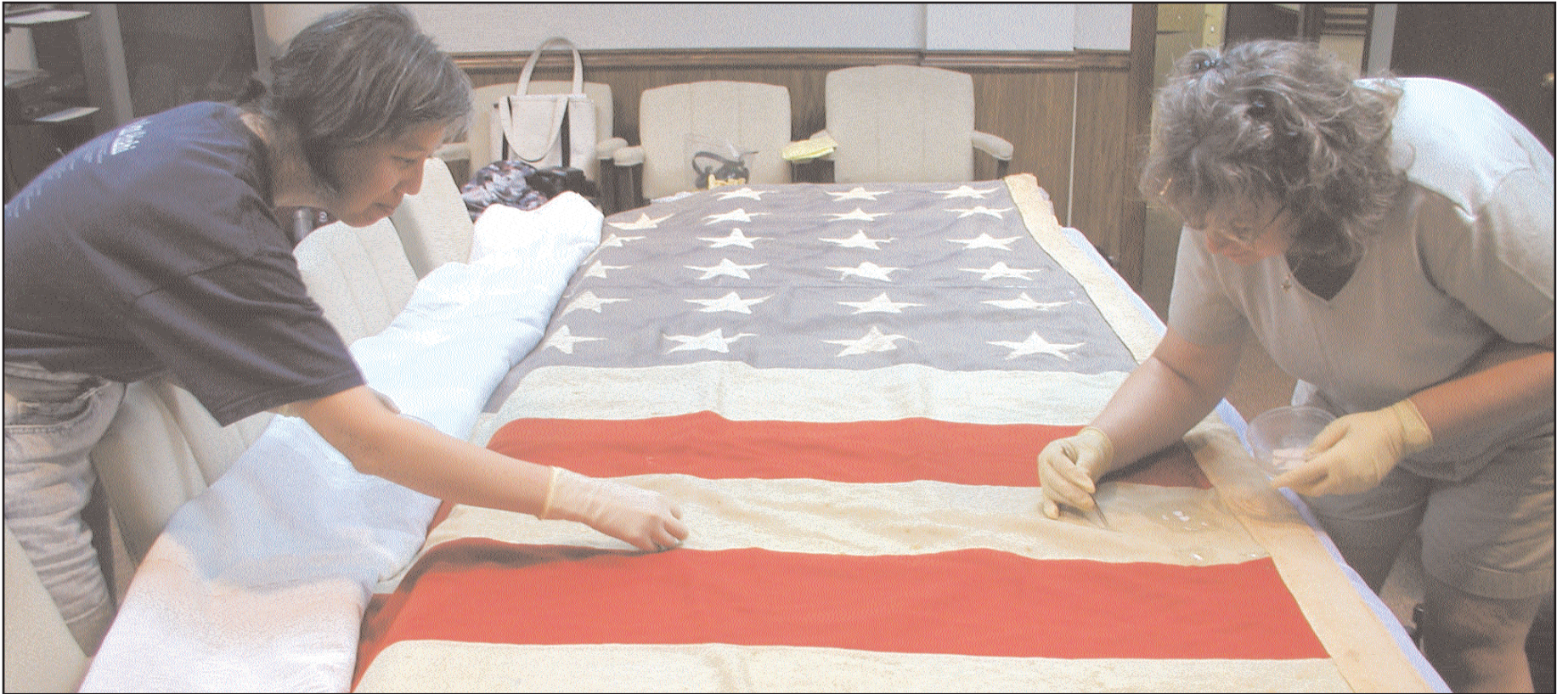
"We would like to extend our appreciation to all Team Hickam members who participated in the survey," Lieutenant Lee said. "The entire community is realizing the monetary benefits of your time and effort."

With the new rates, a Staff Sergeant stationed here with eight years of federal active service and three dependents would see an approximate increase of \$45 a month in COLA. A Captain, under the same criteria, would see a

\$61 increase, according to Mr. Eddie Fowler, U.S. Pacific Command's Manpower, Personnel and Administration Directorate personnel policy analyst.

"As always, our customer service section stands ready to assist Team Hickam with all [their] financial needs," Lieutenant Lee said.

More information about COLA, including calculators and explanations on how COLA is determined, can be found on the web at [www.dtic.mil/perdiem/index.html](http://www.dtic.mil/perdiem/index.html), or by contacting the 15th CPTS Customer Service Section at 449-0330.



Courtesy Photo

(From left) Linda Hee and Katha Lee Harris give a facelift to the original 48-star flag that was flown over Hickam on December 7, 1941.

## So far, sew good: conserving Hickam's history

By Bill Harris

Pacific Air Forces deputy command historian

One of Hickam's most notable pieces of evidence of the attack on Pearl Harbor received a little TLC during the weekend of May 22 and 23.

Individuals from the base performed conservation work on one of America's national treasures — the original 48-star flag that was flown over Hickam on December 7, 1941.

As with all textiles, age and the elements have taken their toll on the flag.

"This flag has been with us for sixty years" said Linda Hee, a professional conservator contracted to perform the work. "During that time it has been subjected to battle debris, human handling, countless foldings, and exposure to the elements."

Ms. Hee, who also performs conservation work with the U.S. Army, Bishop and Mission House Museums, performed similar conserva-

tion work in 1997.

"During the 1997 effort we added non-acidic material to one side of the flag to strengthen it and mitigate fiber damage caused by periodic handling and age itself," she said. "However, like human beings, textiles age and that aging process cannot be stopped. We are merely trying to mitigate that aging process with a little bit of technological know-how and a lot of love and respect."

Katha Lee Harris, Hickam conservation effort assistant, was thrilled to participate in the venture. "This flag means many things to many people," Mrs. Harris said, "including courage, fortitude, and determination to maintain freedom and liberty."

"We owe it to them to ensure that future generations have the same opportunity that we have—to gaze upon a cherished symbol so many have honorably served, including those that died the morning of December 7, 1941," she said. "When my grandchildren come for a visit

in a few weeks, this flag and the Courtyard of Heroes will be their first visit."

Conservation activities included a thorough cleaning using special vacuums to extract debris through mesh frames. This equipment prevented the vacuum nozzles from contacting the flag directly to prevent further fiber damage.

With the vacuum process complete, treating mold areas with industrial grade hydrogen peroxide began.

Then they repaired frayed areas and seams with needle and thread, and concluded with an exhaustive photographic session to document conservation efforts, condition of the artifact, and a report for the Air Force Museum.

The 48-star flag has been returned to its environmentally-controlled cabinet and is once again on display within the PACAF headquarters building's Courtyard of Heroes.

It is open to viewing by all military, DOD civilian and retired members, their families and guests when security measures permit.



## TEAM HICKAM

## News Notes

**Base Facilities Refuse and Recycling** – Dumpsters of various sizes are provided throughout the base for trash disposal. Certain dumpsters are designated for specific uses such as green waste, wood or metal. These dumpsters should only be used for disposing of the designated materials. The Base Recycling Center accepts the following materials from base facilities: paper (white, news, maga-

zine), glass bottles and jars, plastic containers (#1 and 2), aluminum cans, cardboard and printer toner cartridges. The center also has provisions to accept wooden pallets, metals, appliances and propane tanks. Base facilities must arrange to have old A/C units purged before the center will accept them.

**HOSC Farewell** – The Hickam Officers' Spouses' Club will bid farewell to departing members, including Honorary President Jody Begert, at the June 8 Aloha Coffee. The function will be held at the O'Club Lanai. The social begins at 9:30 a.m. and the program will begin at 10 a.m. The Skylarks will perform and breakfast will be served. There is no cost for HOSC members. Permanent reservations apply. Please RSVP by noon today by calling Malia Thompson (A-M) at 421-1179 or Sue Lackey (N-Z) at 422-7283.

**Housing office** – Due to the personnel shortage in the Military Family Housing Office, customers

are asked to make appointments prior to their visit. Make arrangements in advance to preclude extensive waiting times. For questions or to make an appointment, call the base housing office at 448-6550.

**NCOIC of Honor Guard wanted** – The 15th Services Squadron is looking to fill the Honor guard non-commissioned officer position. They are looking for a super sharp junior NCO to fill this billet. Those interested should contact Master Sgt. Craig Howell, 15 SVS/CCF, at 449-1030 ext. 233.

**Kuntz Gate Closure** – Kuntz Gate will be closed to inbound and outbound traffic on Saturday, and June 12th for underground utility work. For more information, contact 2nd Lt. Linda Lewis at 448-9259.

**Power outage** – A power outage is scheduled to occur on Wednesday between 7:30 and 11:30 a.m. and will affect the following facilities: 642 - 662; 664 - 670; 703

- 706; 830 - 832; 834, 836, 838 & 839; 841 & 842; 844 & 845; 847, 849, 851-852; 854, 856, 858, 861 & 862, 864, 866 & 867, 869 - 872, 875, 877 & 878, 880, 882 - 883, 886, 888, 890, 892, 894, 896 - 898.

**Summer Registration begins** – Term Courses registration began June 1. The first day of class will be July 6. All military members desiring tuition assistance are required to stop by the Base Training and Education Office once they receive course information from their school to include course title, course number, start/end dates of courses, number of semesters per class and cost of tuition per semester hour. TA will not be issued without the above information. For more information, contact the base education office at 448-0920 or 449-6363.

**Minimally manned 15th CES** – The 15th Civil Engineer Squadron will be minimally manned today due to a squadron function. For emergencies after 10 a.m. call 449-9951 or 449-9952.

# New procedures to speed overseas absentee balloting

by Jim Garamone  
American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON (AFP)** -- Absentee ballots from servicemembers overseas will move faster and with greater control for the 2004 elections, Department of Defense and U.S. Postal Service officials said June 2.

Charles S. Abell, principal deputy undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, and Paul Vogel, the Postal Service's vice president for network operations management, discussed the changes made in the absentee balloting process for 2004.

Mr. Vogel said Postal Service officials have been working with the Military Postal Service Agency to improve the process, "because it is that important, especially with a presidential election year coming up. If it's even as remotely close as the last election was, every ballot really counts."

The combined team has put together a process that will expedite the overseas absentee balloting mail flow and give greater accountability, Mr. Vogel said.

The Postal Service has no special program in place for servicemembers voting absentee in the United States.

Essentially, Postal Service officials will ask local

postmasters to contact the officials in counties that are responsible for mailing ballots and to whom completed ballots are returned.

Postal Service officials are asking county officials to hold out the military ballots. Local postmasters will take those ballots and sort them for three different destinations: San Francisco for servicemembers based around the Pacific Rim, New York for Europe and the Middle East, and Miami for Central and South America. The balloting materials will go to those destinations via the Postal Service's Express Mail service, Mr. Vogel said.

Once at these military mail "gateways," Postal Service managers will log in the Express Mail pieces and sort them to the different military ZIP codes.

In theater, military postal officials will ensure balloting materials are given priority as they travel to the servicemember.

Once a servicemember votes, the reverse process is the same -- balloting materials receive priority, and ballots are placed in specially marked trays. One change, however, is that when ballots are received at the APO or FPO, mail clerks will put postal cancellation marks on the envelopes. This gives an accurate measure of the date and time a ballot is received.

At the postal gateways, ballots will go back into the normal mail flow in the United States that allows for a three-day delivery, Mr. Vogel said.

On Oct. 30, postal officials will again segregate balloting materials and use Express Mail to send ballots back to county officials. Election Day is Nov. 2, but these special-handling procedures will continue through Nov. 8, Mr. Vogel said; however, some ballots received after Election Day may not be counted, because different jurisdictions have different voting requirements.

To be on the safe side, DOD and Postal Service officials recommend servicemembers and their families follow Federal Voting Assistance Program guidelines. Program officials are designating the week of Sept. 6 as Get Out the Vote Week. By then, "if servicemembers haven't already requested their ballots, that's the week to do it," Mr. Abell said.

They are also designating the week beginning Oct. 11 as Overseas Voting Week.

Traditionally, servicemembers and their families vote at a higher percentage than the general population. All administrations have encouraged them to exercise their rights to vote.

"We don't care how they vote, just so long as they do," Mr. Abell said.

# Around the Air Force

## Memorial Day

**LONG ISLAND, N.Y.** – Honor guard members from the 305th Air Mobility Wing at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., perform a 21-gun salute during the funeral of a fallen Airman. The nation observes Memorial Day on May 31 to remember and reflect on the selfless sacrifices of America's armed forces.

Photo by Scott H. Spitzer



**Future total-force concept aims to increase combat capability** – WASHINGTON – Active-duty Airmen, guardsmen and reservists working together to support the Air Force mission in a war zone such as Iraq or Afghanistan is not unusual.

However, in a concept being studied at the Air Warfare Center, Airmen from all components will work together supporting the Air Force's RQ/MQ-1 Predator Unmanned Aerial Vehicle mission at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

The move is the latest by Air Force officials to increase combat effectiveness by leveraging one unit's capabilities off another's. While the overall concept is called future total force, implementation still defies definition, said the Air Force director of strategic planning.

The partnership at Nellis AFB came about because the base had a shortfall in manning, and the closest pool of guardsmen to the base was in California.

That plan involved reconciling laws governing the federal government's operation of its military with laws governing the states' operation of their militias. Future total force being considered at Nellis AFB represents one of the three pillars of transformation under the Air Force's transformation flight plan, General Bath said.

Another example of transformational organizational change under the future total-force concept is occurring at Robins AFB, Ga.

Less than two years ago, the Air National Guard's 116th Bomb Wing and Air Combat Command's 93rd Air Control Wing merged to form the 116th ACW.

Such a plan would involve active-duty families living entirely within the community, without the

standard infrastructure provided by an Air Force base, General Bath said. Under one proposal, grocery shopping would be done on the economy, with Airmen using a special "commissary card" to buy groceries and then being reimbursed for the difference.

"I think that over time, all of this integration will evolve. It is part of an evolutionary process," General Bath said. (Story by Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez, Air Force Print News)

### Program seeks foreign language, area experts

– People with international skills are becoming more valuable to many organizations, and the Air Force is no exception.

The foreign area officer program develops line officers with certain skills used by the Air Force and Department of Defense in positions where they are needed, said Lt. Col. Mike Nolte, chief of the FAO program.

This development begins when officers identify self-obtained international skills, the colonel said. Sometimes these skills come from heritage, like growing up speaking the language, or from a combination of college studies and an opportunity to live at an overseas location where those skills were polished.

This short-duration training comes in many forms, like one-month immersion programs, he said. Other opportunities, such as regional studies seminars, are also available.

These training opportunities are one of many benefits for officers in the program.

German is not the only language Captain Kerr is familiar with. He is fluent in Danish, can manage in Spanish, Italian, Norwegian and Swedish, and has a working knowledge of Greek and Hebrew. With a father in the Air Force, Captain Kerr spent nine and a half years in Europe growing up. He found the FAO program almost by accident.

The Air Force profits greatly from this "precious gem," Colonel Nolte said. (Story by Staff Sgt. Melanie Streeter, Air Force Print News)

**Air Force officials approve force shaping Phase II** – WASHINGTON (AFPN) – As personnel officials review the last remaining applications for retirement or separation under the force-shaping program, a more extensive second phase of the plan has begun.

The new initiatives include expanded waivers for a number of programs including active-duty service commitments and transferring to the Guard or Reserve through the Palace Chase program. It also

includes a few new ones, most notably the return of the career job reservation program. The CJR program limits re-enlistments into the career force by constraining Air Force specialties for some first-term Airmen, officials said.

In addition, Phase II requires commanders to consider a number of quality-force factors when considering Airmen for retention. Those include correctional custody, referral reports, unfavorable information files, Article 15 action, control roster restrictions, confinement, alcohol- or drug-related offenses, and financial irresponsibility or mismanagement.

Phase II widens the aperture on the Phase I initiatives, which netted almost 2,500 Airmen approved for retirement, separation or Palace Chase, said Maj. Gen John M. Spiegel, director of personnel policy at the Pentagon.

Phase II of the program is designed to do just that. For example, Phase I required individuals to have a minimum of 24 months on active duty before applying to Palace Chase. Phase II dropped the minimum requirement to 12 months. This modification expands the opportunity to another part of the population that might be interested in serving in the Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve, Major Keasley said.

Additionally, as part of Phase II, enlisted accessions will drop by about 11,000 to reach authorized end-strength levels by the end of fiscal 2005. Thus, about 24,000 new recruits will join the Air Force rather than 35,000 as originally planned, officials said.

**Officials approve wear of expeditionary medal** – RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) – Air Force officials have authorized wear of the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal which was approved by President Bush in 2003.

The Department of Defense campaign medal applies to active-duty, Reserve and Guard servicemembers deployed abroad on or after Sept. 11, 2001, for operations Enduring Freedom or Iraqi Freedom.

To qualify, an individual must have been assigned or attached to a unit in OEF or OIF and served 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days in specific geographic areas.

The medal will only be awarded once, regardless of how many times an individual returns to serve in OEF or OIF. There are no service stars or other devices authorized; however, battle stars may be authorized for servicemembers who engaged in actual combat. The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff is the approving authority for battle stars.

# Team Hickam is one big family at the FSC deployed/remote tour family BBQ



Master Sgt. Christopher Polzin, 25th Air Support Operation Squadron, takes a moment to hold the five-month-old son of deployed troop Staff Sgt. Joseph Wojciechowski, 25th ASOS, during the Family Support Center Deployed/Remote tour BBQ May 26.



Only the strong survive as families rush to the BBQ dinner table when the food was served.



Maj. Christopher Herring, 15th Mission Support Squadron commander, stops for a chat with Rose-Marie Holt and her 10-month-old daughter Leilani Holt.



Hannah Bernhart, 6, holds her little sister Grace, 3, as she rested during the event-filled FSC Deployed/Remote tour BBQ on May 26. Hannah and Grace are the daughters of Kristian and deployed Maj. John Bernhart, 502nd Air Operations Group.



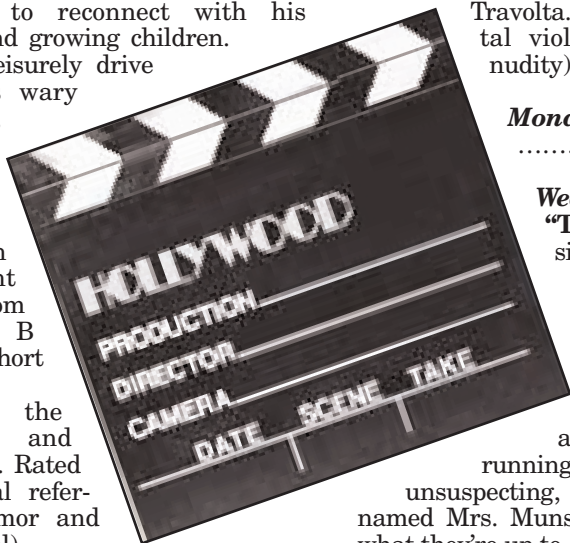
Kayla Hogue twirls a hula-hoop with her neck during 'Hula Time' at the FCS Deployed/Remote tour BBQ May 26.

Photos by Airman Ryan Simpson

# Movies

## Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.

**"Johnson Family Vacation"** – Invited to a big family reunion in Missouri, Nate sees it as an opportunity to reconnect with his estranged wife and growing children. He imagines a leisurely drive but between his wary wife, arguing kids, angry police officers, bizarre hitchhikers, bad diner food, and an unfortunate run-in with a cement mixer, getting from point A to point B proves to be just short of a nightmare. Starring Cedric the Entertainer and Vanessa Williams. Rated PG-13 (for sexual references, crude humor and brief drug material).



Castle dons a black battle suit, arms himself with a ton of guns, and seeks swift revenge. Starring Thomas Jane and John Travolta. Rated R (for pervasive brutal violence, language and brief nudity).

**Monday and Tuesday**  
.....CLOSED

## Wednesday at 7 p.m.

**"The Punisher"** – See synopsis above

## Thursday at 7 p.m.

**"Connie and Carla"** –

Two struggling Chicago dinner theater performers accidentally witness a mafia hit and hit the road running for room in the house of unsuspecting, church-going little old lady named Mrs. Munson. When she figures out what they're up to, the robbers decide she must be eliminated. The bigger problem: they have all seriously underestimated their upstairs host. Starring Nia Vardalos and Toni Collette. Rated PG-13 (for thematic elements, sexual humor and drug references).

## Sunday at 7 p.m.

**"The Punisher"** – FBI undercover agent, Castle, is finally moving into a safe desk job, to the delight of his wife and son. But when his family is executed after witnessing a mafia hit,

# Chapel

## Protestant

Nelles Chapel  
Sunday contemporary service – 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday Gospel Worship – 11:15 a.m.  
Chapel Center  
Sunday traditional – 8:30 a.m.

## Jewish

Aloha Jewish Chapel, Pearl Harbor Aloha Chapel, 471-3971.

## Orthodox

For more information, call 438-6687.

## Catholic

Nelles Chapel  
Saturday confessions – 4:15 p.m.  
Saturday Mass – 5 p.m.  
Chapel Center  
Sunday Mass – 10 a.m.  
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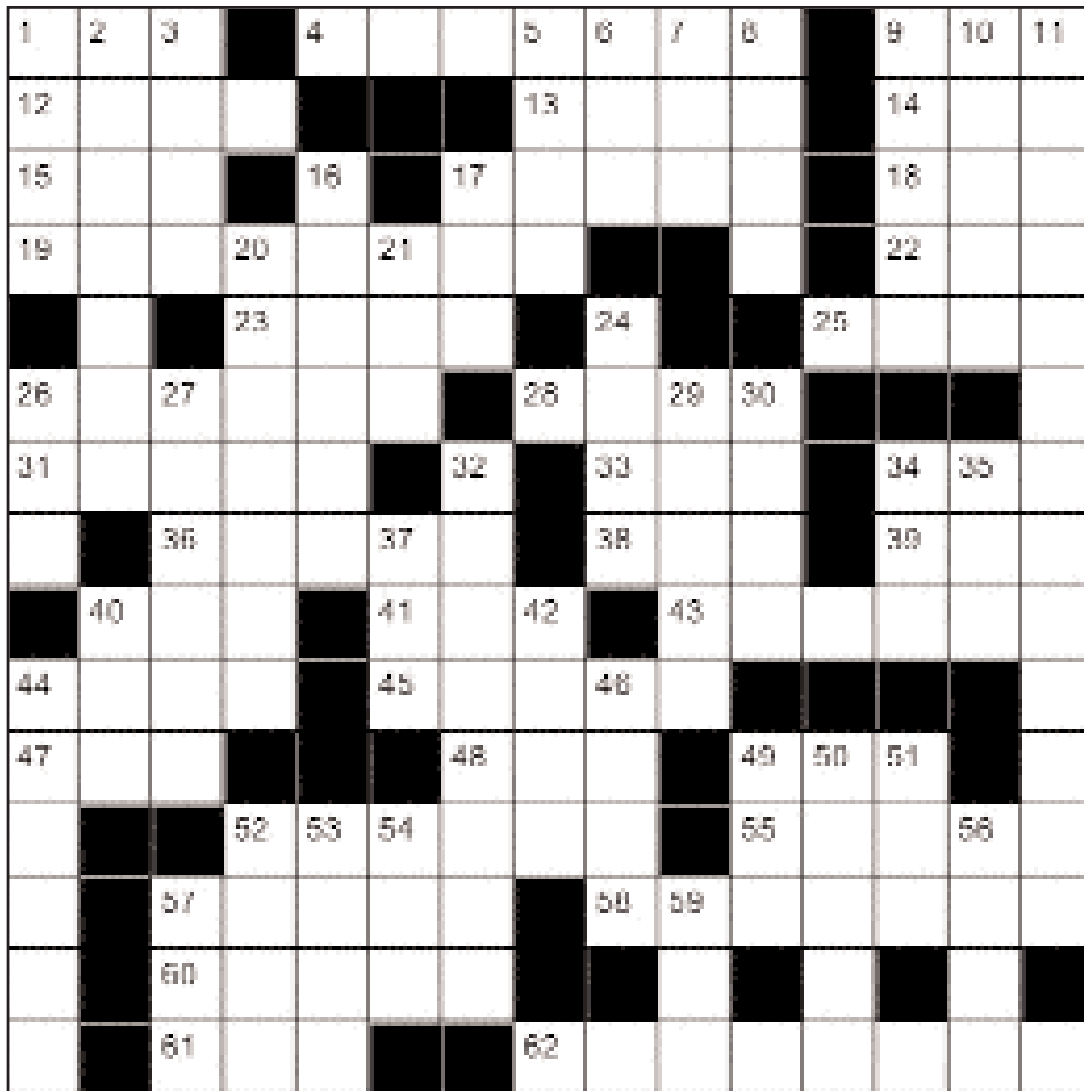
## Islamic

Friday congregational service - 1 p.m.  
Muslim Association of Hawaii,  
947-6263.

**Editors note:** For more information on Base Chapel services or for prayer requests call the Chapel Center at 449-1754 or Nelles Chapel at 449-6562.



# Crossword puzzle: Remembering D-Day



## ACROSS

1. Military lawyer
4. D-Day fighter aircraft
9. Curved wheel on rotating shaft
12. D-Day beach
13. Music between burlesque acts
14. D-Day Supreme Allied Commander
15. Quick rest

17. Assumed name
18. Hawkeye and B.J. on M\*A\*S\*H
19. Name of operation for D-Day invasion
22. Goddess of the dawn
23. Pig noise
25. Sea bird
26. Fake
28. 1st name of D-Day ground commander

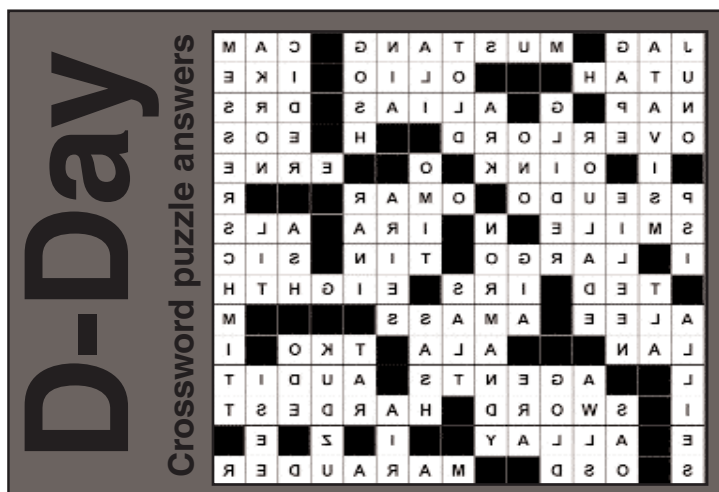
31. Grin
33. Lyricist Gershwin
34. USAF school for SrA
36. Florida key
38. Element number 50
39. To set upon, attack
40. Actor Danson
41. Federal org. concerned with taxes
43. 15,000 D-Day sorties led by this NAF

44. Away from the wind
45. Gather for oneself
47. System that links computers
48. Pie \_\_\_ mode
49. Ring result
52. Proxies
55. Tax examination
57. D-Day beach
58. Most difficult
60. Calm
61. Rumsfeld office symbol
62. First bomber over D-Day invasion

## DOWN

1. D-Day beach
2. Throwback
3. Result of being startled
5. Stated
6. The Greatest
7. Actress Peoples
8. Expression of mild surprise
9. Juice pressed from fruit
10. Ohio city
11. Maker of ME-109 Axis fighter
16. D-Day troop-moving aircraft
17. Noah built one

20. Florid vocal embellishment
21. Lennon's bride
24. Leave out
26. 23rd letter of Greek alphabet
27. American soprano Farrell
29. Zodiac sign
30. Indian queen
32. Site of D-Day invasion
34. Burn residue
35. Luminous
37. 1998 Angelina Jolie movie
40. Money received for PCS
42. Sodium chloride
44. Fought Axis on D-Day
46. Window frame
49. Obtained from juniper wood
50. Asian vine with reddish flowers
51. Lyrical poem
52. Drills
53. D-Day beach
54. Period of time
56. Phrase indicating understanding
57. \_\_\_ Paulo, Brazil
59. Demeanor



# Team Hickam History *The Air Force's most historic airfield*

***This week in 15th Airlift Wing and Hickam Air Force Base History:***

**June 4-6, 2001** – 15th Air Base Wing conducted a hurricane exercise.

**June 7, 1971** – Chief Master Sgt. Jesse M. Dunlap became Base Sergeant Major at Hickam.

June 8, 1969 - The 15th Mission Support Group (then-15th Combat Support Group) activated at MacDill AFB, Florida, and was assigned to the 15th Tactical Fighter Wing.

**June 8, 1969** – The 15th Civil Engineer Squadron (then-15th Civil Engineering Squadron) activated at MacDill AFB, Florida, and was assigned to the 15th

Combat Support Group

**June 8, 1969** – The 15th Security Forces Squadron (then-15th Security Police Squadron) activated at MacDill AFB, Florida, and was assigned to the 15th Combat Support Group.

**June 8, 1969** – The 15th Services Squadron activated at MacDill AFB, Florida, and was assigned to the 15th Combat Support Group.

**June 13, 1971** – Members from Hickam AFB supported search aircraft seeking a C-135 aircraft lost at sea.

For additional information concerning the 15th Airlift Wing and historic Hickam AFB, visit: <http://www2.hickam.af.mil/ho/>

## Reunion Tips

*From your Family Readiness Program Staff*

### Editors Note:

*Reunion is a time of adjustment after separation. The following tips will appear in the Kukini and are suggestions to help people prepare for a loved ones homecoming and their greatly anticipated reunion.*



***Remember to be honest with children – Being honest can better prepare children for a reunion***

# Hickam intramural softball league standings

Men's Monday - Wednesday			Men's Tuesday - Thursday			Women's	
1.	PACAF	13- 1	HIANG-A	15-1	HIANG	9-1	
2.	324th IS	10-4	735th AMS-A	14-3	15th CES/MSS	6-3	
3.	Chief GP	9-5	692nd IOG	11-7	15th SVS/CSS	5-4	
4.	352nd IOS	9-5	502nd AOG	11-7	PACAF	5-4	
5.	735th AMS-B	6-8	15th SFS	10-8	352nd/692nd IOG	2-5	
6.	15th SVS	5-9	15th CES	9-9	15th MDG	2-6	
7.	15th CS	4-10	PACAF-CSS	7-11	735th AMS	2-8	
Next week's 'Game of the Week'			HIANG-B	8-10	Standings current as of: June 1		
735th AMS vs Chief GP, Monday, 6 p.m., Field 4			PACAF-RSS	1-16			

# Braves beat Dodgers 11-6



Braves Andrew Davenport takes a slide into homeplate as Dodgers catcher Heath Weaver looks on during minor league play Tuesday.



Braves Louis Valdez takes a pitch as Dodgers catcher Heath Weaver prepares for a long throw to second base.



Dodger clean-up batter Kahlil Williams takes a mighty swing as he sent a grounder to center field during minor league play on Tuesday.

Photos by Airman Ryan Simpson